was to be taken with nets and hooks, and fowls on shore Here Sir John Hawkins grew extreme sick, which began upon news of the taking of the *Francis* The 12th they set sail in the morning and that night came up to the easternmost end of St John de Porto Rico, where Sir John Hawkins departed this life , whereupon Sir Thomas Baskerville went into the *Garland*

Thence in the following afternoon they came to anchor in a sandy bay at the easternmost end of the chief town called Porto Rico, where they received twenty-eight shot from the forts and ordnance, of the which the last struck the admiral's mizzen, and the last but one, passing through her quarter into the steerage, struck the stool from under the General who was at supper, the shot hurt him not but wounded several who were at the same table, of whom Sir Nicholas Clifford and Mr Browne died Next day, shifting their anchorage to the west, they rode till night, when twenty-five pinnaces and small boats, manned and furnished with fireworks and small shot, went into the road within the great castles, and in despite of them fired the five zabras, quite burning the rear-admiral to the water, which was the greatest ship of them all, and also mightily spoiling the admiral and vice-admiral But the treasure which the zabras had come to fetch had been conveyed into the strongest and surest castle of defence, being, as one of the prisoners confessed, 3,000,000 ducats or thirty-five tons of silver The fight on our side was resolute, hot and dangerous, wherein 40 or 50 men were lost and as many hurt There was also great death of the Spaniards aboard the frigates with burning, drowning and tailing, besides some taken prisoners

Some days being spent there, the fleet weighed anchor and came to Cape de la Vela, and in the morning of 1st December all the soldiers were embarked for Rio de la Hacha, which town our men took by ten o'clock at night The 6th December the Spaniards came in to talk about the ransom, but not to the General's liking, and that night Sir Thomas Baskerville marched up into the country to overrun those parts, and the General the same night with some hundred and fifty men went by water six leagues to the eastward and took the Ranchena, a fisher town where they drag for pearl The people all fled except some sixteen or twenty soldiers which fought a little but were